
Sunday, April 7, 2019
Did You Know?

31 Days of Prayer

Christians have the amazing privilege of praying to God. When we pray God actually hears what we say, and not only does he hear, he also responds to our prayers. That is a fantastic blessing that is reserved for his children. This privilege was purchased by Christ when he died in the cross, through which we have access to the Father. One of the ways we can take advantage of the gift of prayer is by praying with our families and fellow believers. However, if you're like me, it's easy to get out of the habit of praying with others. That's why our church will be dedicating the month of May to prayer. May is Family Month at CoaH and one of the ways to strengthen our families is by praying together.

Here's the plan:

1. Married couples will pray together every day for the entire month of May.
2. Husbands will lead their wives and children in prayer. Wives will encourage their husbands to be spiritual leaders in the family. Yes, of course, the women can pray, but I really want to help men grow in spiritual leadership.
3. Even if one of you is away, you will take advantage of FaceTime or Skype and pray together, and thus, not miss even one day.
4. Try to pray at the same time every day, such as 8pm every evening or right before you go to bed or at 7am every morning. Prayers at meals do not count in this exercise.
5. A prayer guide will be provided that will include different prayer topics every day.
6. If your spouse is not a believer, please invite them to join you as you lead in prayer.

What about singles?

1. For singles, you have the choice of praying with your siblings or with a friend. The church is our spiritual family. More than that, the church is our eternal family, so we must grow accustomed to praying together with our spiritual brothers and sisters.
2. A separate prayer guide will be provided for you.

Now, you don't have to wait until May to start praying together as husband and wife or with your friends. Begin now so you can get a rolling start once May arrives. Getting a head start will also help you get over the awkwardness of praying together, if you have grown out of this wonderful habit.

Men, I want to specifically challenge you. You are the spiritual leader of your family and you must step up to that task. Your wife and children need you to lead and one of the best ways to begin acting like a leader is by leading your family in prayer. Please use this church-wide exercise as a God-given opportunity to grow in this capacity. Imagine what God will do in our families and friendships as we pray together.

Soli Deo Gloria.
Pastor Peter